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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF  
GUITARD ET AL.  
APPLICATION NO: 09/731,139  
FILED: DECEMBER 6, 2000  
FOR: USE OF ORGANIC COMPOUNDS

Art Unit: 1614  
Examiner: Weddington, K.

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of January 24, 2003 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on April 24, 2003. A three-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$930 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

Respectfully submitted,



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